

Equality Analysis



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What are the proposals being assessed?	Staffing Support Savings (CS 2015-08)
Which Department/ Division has the responsibility for this?	Business Improvement, Corporate Services

Stage 1: Overview	
Name and job title of lead officer	Sophie Ellis, Assistant Director of Business Improvement
1. What are the aims, objectives and desired outcomes of your proposal? (Also explain proposals e.g. reduction/removal of service, deletion of posts, changing criteria etc)	The proposal is to remove staffing support currently provided to the Assistant Director of Business Improvement. The latter post is being deleted and therefore the dedicated support will no longer be required. This will involve the deletion of 0.5 of a post.
2. How does this contribute to the council's corporate priorities?	The proposal supports the theme of Corporate Capacity by ensuring the department offers support to the organisation in the most efficient way.
3. Who will be affected by this proposal? For example who are the external/internal customers, communities, partners, stakeholders, the workforce etc.	The proposal is not expected to have any impact on services or customers since it is secondary in nature (i.e. the provision of support to an AD).
4. Is the responsibility shared with another department, authority or organisation? If so, who are the partners and who has overall responsibility?	No.

Stage 2: Collecting evidence/ data

5. What evidence have you considered as part of this assessment?

Provide details of the information you have reviewed to determine the impact your proposal would have on the protected characteristics (equality groups).

Related savings proposals, specifically the deletion of the AD Business Improvement post.

The postholder affected.

Staff will be managed using the managing workforce change procedure.

Stage 3: Assessing impact and analysis

6. From the evidence you have considered, what areas of concern have you identified regarding the potential negative and positive impact on one or more protected characteristics (equality groups)?

Protected characteristic (equality group)	Tick which applies		Tick which applies		Reason Briefly explain what positive or negative impact has been identified
	Positive impact		Potential negative impact		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Age	✓			✓	
Disability		✓		✓	
Gender Reassignment		✓		✓	
Marriage and Civil Partnership		✓		✓	
Pregnancy and Maternity		✓		✓	
Race		✓		✓	
Religion/ belief		✓		✓	
Sex (Gender)	✓			✓	
Sexual orientation		✓		✓	
Socio-economic status		✓		✓	

7. Equality Analysis Improvement Action Plan template – Making adjustments for negative impact

This action plan should be completed after the analysis and should outline action(s) to be taken to mitigate the potential negative impact identified (expanding on information provided in Section 7 above).

Negative impact/ gap in information identified in the Equality Analysis	Action required to mitigate	How will you know this is achieved? e.g. performance measure/ target)	By when	Existing or additional resources?	Lead Officer	Action added to divisional/ team plan?
Deletion of half a post impacting on the current postholder	Application of the Organisational Change process.	Business case	March 2018	Existing	Sophie Ellis	Yes.

Note that the full impact of the decision may only be known after the proposals have been implemented; therefore it is important the effective monitoring is in place to assess the impact.

Stage 4: Conclusion of the Equality Analysis

8. Which of the following statements best describe the outcome of the EA (Tick one box only)

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OUTCOME 1

OUTCOME 2

OUTCOME 3

OUTCOME 4

Stage 5: Sign off by Director/ Head of Service

Assessment completed by	Sophie Ellis, AD Business Improvement	Signature:	Date: 10/11/15
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**Improvement action plan signed
off by Director/ Head of Service**

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Date:

Equality Analysis



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What are the proposals being assessed?	Restructure of Safety Services & Emergency Planning team and delete up to two FTE posts through voluntary/compulsory redundancy (Savings proposal CS/IT04)
Which Department/ Division has the responsibility for this?	Corporate Services – Infrastructure & Transactions Division

Stage 1: Overview	
Name and job title of lead officer	Mark Humphries – Assistant Director Infrastructure & Transactions
1. What are the aims, objectives and desired outcomes of your proposal? (Also explain proposals e.g. reduction/removal of service, deletion of posts, changing criteria etc)	To deliver financial savings of £48K over the period 2017/18 and 2018/19 by restructuring the Safety Services & Emergency Planning section and deleting up to 2 FTE posts that provide specialist health and safety advice and support to council departments and local authority schools. The team are also responsible for the overall management, development and testing of the the councils strategic emergency planning, disaster recovery and business continuity planning process.
2. How does this contribute to the council's corporate priorities?	The saving is required as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, and can be achieved through efficiency savings that will be realised as a result of developing more integrated working arrangements with the corporate FM team and the use of new IT systems which enable information to be shared more effectively which should reduce the amount of time needed to complete on site safety/compliance audits on the councils corporate buildings.
3. Who will be affected by this proposal? For example who are the external/internal customers, communities, partners, stakeholders, the workforce etc.	This proposal will affect up to two members of staff from a current establishment of 5.5. The Safety Services and Emergency Planning team are responsible for providing specialist technical advice and support for all departments and ensuring that the council continues to discharge some of its statutory obligations. operations.
4. Is the responsibility shared with another department, authority or organisation? If so, who are the partners and who has overall responsibility?	No

Stage 2: Collecting evidence/ data

5. What evidence have you considered as part of this assessment?

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The recent transfer of the Safety Services team from Corporate Governance to the Infrastructure & Transactions division has enabled the service to develop a far more integrated working arrangement with the Facilities Management section, who are responsible for the repair and maintenance of the councils corporate buildings which includes the management and monitoring of statutory items such as asbestos, legionella and gas safety. The co-location of the these two sections has allowed the Safety Services team to work directly with FM project managers which provides a number of benefits which include a reduction in the duplication of works and an ability to access/share information more effectively through the development of a new corporate asset management system both of which should ultimately reduce the time taken to complete safety audits and free up specialist resources in both teams to work in a more proactive manner. Any staff reduction will be managed using the councils 'Managing workforce change' procedure

Stage 3: Assessing impact and analysis

6. From the evidence you have considered, what areas of concern have you identified regarding the potential negative and positive impact on one or more protected characteristics (equality groups)?

Protected characteristic (equality group)	Tick which applies		Tick which applies		Reason Briefly explain what positive or negative impact has been identified
	Positive impact		Potential negative impact		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Age		x	x		Given the small numbers and the age of the staff currently working in the team, the loss of two posts may have a disproportionate impact either on older or younger employees.
Disability		x		x	
Gender Reassignment		x		x	
Marriage & Civil Partnership		x		x	
Pregnancy and Maternity		x		x	
Race		x		x	
Religion/ belief		x		x	
Sex (Gender)		x	x		Given the small number of people working in the team, the loss of two posts may have a disproportionate impact on either male or female

					employees.
Sexual orientation		x		x	
Socio-economic status		x		x	

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Negative impact/ gap in information identified in the Equality Analysis	Action required to mitigate	How will you know this is achieved? e.g. performance measure/ target)	By when	Existing or additional resources?	Lead Officer	Action added to divisional/ team plan?
None Identified	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Stage 4: Conclusion of the Equality Analysis

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OUTCOME 1

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OUTCOME 3

OUTCOME 4

Stage 5: Sign off by Director/ Head of Service

Assessment completed by	Mark Humphries – Assistant Director Infrastructure & Transactions	Signature:	Date: 6 th November 2015
Improvement action plan signed off by Director/ Head of Service		Signature:	Date:

Equality Analysis



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What are the proposals being assessed?	Delivery of savings through the installation of various energy saving devices at council owned properties (Savings proposal CS 2015-10)
Which Department/ Division has the responsibility for this?	Corporate Services – Infrastructure & Transactions Division

Stage 1: Overview	
Name and job title of lead officer	Mark Humphries – Assistant Director Infrastructure & Transactions
1. What are the aims, objectives and desired outcomes of your proposal? (Also explain proposals e.g. reduction/removal of service, deletion of posts, changing criteria etc)	To deliver financial savings of approximately £465K over the period 2018/19 by reducing energy consumption at Council buildings by undertaking a range of energy conservation projects, energy efficiency projects and the installation of local renewable energy generation schemes. The objective is to reduce energy consumption without alteration to service delivery standards, or the used environment within and around our buildings. Consequently only positive outcomes will occur ranging from reduced Council expenditure to improved local air quality.
2. How does this contribute to the council's corporate priorities?	The saving is required as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, and will also contribute towards improving performance in respect to Business Plan targets for the reduction of CO2 emissions from the councils operational buildings and infrastructure
3. Who will be affected by this proposal? For example who are the external/internal customers, communities, partners, stakeholders, the workforce etc.	Users of all Council operational buildings
4. Is the responsibility shared with another department, authority or organisation? If so, who are the partners and who has overall responsibility?	No

Stage 2: Collecting evidence/ data

5. What evidence have you considered as part of this assessment?

Provide details of the information you have reviewed to determine the impact your proposal would have on the protected characteristics (equality groups).

None

Stage 3: Assessing impact and analysis

6. From the evidence you have considered, what areas of concern have you identified regarding the potential negative and positive impact on one or more protected characteristics (equality groups)?

Protected characteristic (equality group)	Tick which applies		Tick which applies		Reason Briefly explain what positive or negative impact has been identified
	Positive impact		Potential negative impact		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All groups will benefit from improved local air quality
Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Gender Reassignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All groups will potentially benefit from the financial saving made by the council, as it should reduce the impact on front line services in the medium term.
Marriage and Civil Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Pregnancy and Maternity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The proposals seek not to alter service delivery, but to allow the same service delivery to be achieved whilst reducing operating costs and consuming less energy.
Race	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Religion/ belief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sex (Gender)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sexual orientation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Socio-economic status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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None Identified	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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OUTCOME 2

OUTCOME 3

OUTCOME 4

Stage 5: Sign off by Director/ Head of Service

Assessment completed by	Mark Humphries – Assistant Director Infrastructure & Transactions	Signature:	Date: 9 th November 2015
Improvement action plan signed off by Director/ Head of Service		Signature:	Date:

Equality Analysis



What are the proposals being assessed?	Proposed budget saving CS2015-11 (2018-19)
Which Department / Division has the responsibility for this?	Corporate Services - Resources

Stage 1: Overview	
Name and job title of lead officer	Evereth Willis – Interim Head of Policy, Strategy and Partnerships
1. What are the aims, objectives and desired outcomes of your proposal? (Also explain proposals e.g. reduction/removal of service, deletion of posts, changing criteria etc)	The aim and desired outcome of the proposal is to reduce the level of grant funding available to the Voluntary and Community sector.
2. How does this contribute to the council's corporate priorities?	The proposal will contribute to the council's overall priorities and will ensure that the savings targets are achieved in line with the corporate Business Plan and the Medium Term Financial Strategy
3. Who will be affected by this proposal? For example who are the external/internal customers, communities, partners, stakeholders, the workforce etc.	The funding benefits Voluntary and Community groups in the borough. Currently the Strategic Partnership Funding is used to capacity build and support organisations that give advice. The proposal will reduce the level of funding available for the Voluntary and Community organisations to bid for. Although it is a small reduction it may affect capacity building and targeted work focused on particular communities in the borough.
4. Is the responsibility shared with another department, authority or organisation? If so, who are the partners and who has overall responsibility?	The other departments also give grants and commission services from the Voluntary and Community sector.

Stage 2: Collecting evidence/ data

5. What evidence have you considered as part of this assessment?

The level of funding currently awarded to organisations for 2015-18 has been used as part of the analysis and the aims (outlined below) have also been considered:

- Strategic Partner Funding is targeted at two areas of activity:
 - Strategic support services for the voluntary and community sector, including umbrella organisations providing voice, advice and capacity building support; and
 - Cross-cutting accredited advice services
- Strategic Partners:
 - deliver services that generate a quantifiable benefit to Merton;
 - are able to demonstrate a strong local connection to Merton, including an established local presence in the borough for at least 12 months;
 - contribute to the delivery of Merton’s Community Plan and meeting the council’s strategic objectives, including its commitment to equality and diversity;
 - operate in accordance with the principles of the Merton Compact;
 - work strategically with the council and contribute to policy development relating to the service they provide/ organisations they represent;
 - give service users a voice and articulate these at a borough level;
 - work collaboratively with other VCS organisations;
 - are not for profit organisations and do not include any public body or local authority; and
 - have a corporate body or have a formal constitution if not incorporated

The reduction, all be it minimal may adversely affect all the protected characteristics. Potentially there is a negative impact on all the protected characteristics but particularly Age, Disability, Sex, Race and Socio-Economic status. It may also reduce the borough’s ability to ‘Bridge the Gap’ as numerous small voluntary and community groups operate in the East of the borough and provide a targeted service.

Stage 3: Assessing impact and analysis

6. From the evidence you have considered, what areas of concern have you identified regarding the potential negative and positive impact on one or more protected characteristics (equality groups)?

Protected characteristic (equality group)	Tick which applies		Tick which applies		Reason Briefly explain what positive or negative impact has been identified
	Positive impact		Potential negative impact		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Age		✓	✓		The proposal may reduce the availability of advice and support offered by voluntary and community organisations.
Disability		✓	✓		The proposal may reduce the availability of advice and support offered by voluntary and community organisations.
Gender Reassignment		✓	✓		The proposal may reduce the availability of advice and support offered by voluntary and community organisations.
Marriage and Civil Partnership		✓	✓		The proposal may reduce the availability of advice and support offered by voluntary and community organisations.
Pregnancy and Maternity		✓	✓		The proposal may reduce the availability of advice and support offered by voluntary and community organisations.
Race		✓	✓		The proposal may reduce the availability of advice and support offered by voluntary and community organisations.
Religion/ belief		✓			The proposal may reduce the availability of advice and support offered by voluntary and community organisations.
Sex (Gender)		✓	✓		The proposal may reduce the availability of advice and support offered by voluntary and community organisations.
Sexual orientation		✓	✓		The proposal may reduce the availability of advice and support offered by voluntary and community organisations.
Socio-economic status		✓	✓		The proposal may reduce the availability of advice and support offered by voluntary and community organisations.

7. Equality Analysis Improvement Action Plan template – Making adjustments for negative impact

Negative impact / gap in information identified in the Equality Analysis	Potentially there is a negative impact on all the protected characteristics but particularly Age, Disability, Sex, Race and Socio-Economic status.
Action required to mitigate	Inform the Compact Board of the proposed reduction and work with the Board and Merton Voluntary Services Council (MVSC) to support groups to work collaboratively and seek alternative funding sources and identify income generating measures.
How will you know this is achieved? e.g. performance measure / target	Feed back from MVSC and from groups currently funded to assess how they are responding to reduced funding levels.
By when	March 2017
Existing or additional resources?	Existing

Lead Officer	Evereth Willis
Action added to divisional / team plan?	Will be part of the team work programme to discuss funding reductions with the Compact Board and funded groups

Note that the full impact of the decision may only be known after the proposals have been implemented; therefore it is important the effective monitoring is in place to assess the impact.

Stage 4: Conclusion of the Equality Analysis

8. Which of the following statements best describe the outcome of the EA (Tick one box only)

OUTCOME 1

The EA has not identified any potential for discrimination or negative impact and all opportunities to promote equality are being addressed. No changes are required.

OUTCOME 2

The EA has identified adjustments to remove negative impact or to better promote equality. Actions you propose to take to do this should be included in the Action Plan.

OUTCOME 3

The EA has identified some potential for negative impact or some missed opportunities to promote equality and it may not be possible to mitigate this fully.

OUTCOME 4

The EA shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination. Stop and rethink your proposals.

Stage 5: Sign off by Director/ Head of Service

Assessment completed by	Evereth Willis, Interim Head of Policy, Strategy and Partnerships	Signature: Evereth Willis	Date: 20.11.15
Improvement action plan signed off by Director/ Head of Service	Paul Dale, Assist Director Resources	Signature: Paul Dale	Date: 20.11.15

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What are the proposals being assessed?	<p>CS2015-13 Reduction in Investigation capacity £40,000 CS02015-14 Reduction in audit capacity £33,000</p> <p>Both the audit and investigation services are outsourced. Internal Audit is part of the Richmond Shared Service (SWLAP) and Investigation is part of the Wandsworth Shared service (SWLFP). By 2017/18 these services will be joined as part of the Richmond/Wandsworth merge.</p>
Which Department/ Division has the responsibility for this?	Corporate Services/Corporate Governance

Stage 1: Overview	
Name and job title of lead officer	Head of Internal Audit
1. What are the aims, objectives and desired outcomes of your proposal? (Also explain proposals e.g. reduction/removal of service, deletion of posts, changing criteria etc)	<p>We are required to make reduce our audit and investigation buy in from the audit and investigation partnerships in 2017/18.</p> <p>This will result in less audit days for Merton and therefore less coverage of control risks. This will also mean that there will be less proactive fraud work undertaken within the investigation service, which could have an impact on the controls and detection of fraud.</p>
2. How does this contribute to the council's corporate priorities?	This assists with the councils savings
3. Who will be affected by this proposal? For example who are the external/internal customers, communities, partners, stakeholders, the workforce etc.	Internal customers will be affected by the reduction of work to review controls or advise on fraud risks.
4. Is the responsibility shared with another department, authority or	the effect of the savings will mean less time purchased from the audit and fraud partnerships.

organisation? If so, who are the partners and who has overall responsibility?	
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Stage 2: Collecting evidence/ data

5. What evidence have you considered as part of this assessment?

Provide details of the information you have reviewed to determine the impact your proposal would have on the protected characteristics (equality groups).

The savings will not affect any equality groups

Stage 3: Assessing impact and analysis

6. From the evidence you have considered, what areas of concern have you identified regarding the potential negative and positive impact on one or more protected characteristics (equality groups)?

Protected characteristic (equality group)	Tick which applies		Tick which applies		Reason Briefly explain what positive or negative impact has been identified
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	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Age		X			
Disability		X			
Gender Reassignment		X			
Marriage and Civil Partnership		X			
Pregnancy and Maternity		X			
Race		X			
Religion/ belief		X			
Sex (Gender)		X			
Sexual orientation		X			
Socio-economic status		X			

7. If you have identified a negative impact, how do you plan to mitigate it?

N/A

Stage 4: Conclusion of the Equality Analysis

8. Which of the following statements best describe the outcome of the EA (Tick one box only)

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- Outcome 1** – The EA has not identified any potential for discrimination or negative impact and all opportunities to promote equality are being addressed. **No changes are required.**
- Outcome 2** – The EA has identified adjustments to remove negative impact or to better promote equality. **Actions you propose to take to do this should be included in the Action Plan.**
- Outcome 3** – The EA has identified some potential for negative impact or some missed opportunities to promote equality and it may not be possible to mitigate this fully. **If you propose to continue with proposals you must include the justification for this in Section 10 below, and include actions you propose to take to remove negative impact or to better promote equality in the Action Plan. You must ensure that your proposed action is in line with the PSED to have ‘due regard’ and you are advised to seek Legal Advice.**
- Outcome 4** – The EA shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination. **Stop and rethink your proposals.**

Stage 5: Improvement Action Pan

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Stage 6: Reporting outcomes

10. Summary of the equality analysis

This section can also be used in your decision making reports (CMT/Cabinet/etc) but you must also attach the assessment to the report, or provide a hyperlink

This Equality Analysis has resulted in an Outcome [add](#) Assessment

Please include here a summary of the key findings of your assessment.

- What are the key impacts – both negative and positive – you have identified?
- Are there any particular groups affected more than others?
- What course of action are you advising as a result of this assessment?
- If your EA is assessed as Outcome 3 and you suggest to proceeding with your proposals although a negative impact has been identified that may not be possible to fully mitigate, explain your justification with full reasoning.

Stage 7: Sign off by Director/ Head of Service

Assessment completed by	Margaret Culleton Head of Internal Audit	Signature: M Culleton	Date: 18th November 2015
Improvement action plan signed off by Director/ Head of Service	Add name/ job title	Signature:	Date: